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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition which comprises:
  - an acid constituent;
  - at least one anionic surfactant;
  - suspended inclusions which appear as visibly discernible, discrete particulate materials, ~~preferably where said discrete particulate materials are based on alginates;~~
  - a thickener constituent;
  - optionally, at least one further deterative surfactant selected from nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants;
  - optionally, at least one organic solvent;
  - optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions; and;
  - water.
- 2.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the acid constituent contains an acid selected from the group consisting of: citric acid, sorbic acid, acetic acid, boric acid, formic acid, maleic acid, adipic acid, lactic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, glycolic acid, and mixtures thereof.
- 3.(original) The composition according to claim 2 wherein the acid constituent comprises citric acid.
- 4.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises an organic solvent.
- 5.(original) The composition according to claim 4 wherein the organic solvent is selected from alcohols, glycols, water miscible ethers, water miscible glycol ethers, monalkylether esters, and mixtures thereof.

- 6.(original) The composition according to claim 5 wherein the organic solvent is selected from alcohols, water miscible glycol ethers and mixtures thereof.
- 7.(original) The composition according to claim 5 wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol.
8. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions exclude added organic solvents.
9. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions exclude organic solvents.
10. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 5.
11. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 4.
12. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 3.
13. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is a sulfate.
- 14.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—13~~ wherein said composition exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against at least one of the following organisms: Staphylococcus aureus (gram positive type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 6538), Salmonella choleraesuis (gram negative type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 10708), Escheria coli (gram

negative type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 11229) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 15442) of not more than 1/60 according to the AOAC Use-Dilution Test Method.

15.(currently amended) A method of treating a hard surface comprising applying an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 14~~ to the surface in need of treatment.

16. (new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the suspended inclusions which appear as visibly discernible, discrete particulate materials are based on alginate materials.